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Applicant(s): Yoshio SATO

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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2000, Applicant responds as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Figure 4 to provide the correct reference numerals as set forth on the attached drawing sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant amends pages 5, 12 and 14 of the specification as indicated on the attached marked-up pages. Replacement specification pages 5, 5a, 12, 12a and 14, 14a provided herewith are clean copies with the changes entered thereon.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant amends Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-12 as shown on the attached marked up sheets.

New Claims 16-20 are added.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, replacement pages with clean copies of the amended claims and the new claims are attached hereto.